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We are strongly against the state of Florida and other states pursuing litigation against Microsoft.

The outcome of this action will only be incompatible with the interests of consumers of Microsoft products. The main consequence, we believe, will be in the development of inferior products that cost more and do less. Additionally, Microsoft needs to be remunerated for its innovative product rather than being punished by giving away information to competitors. An immediate settlement with Microsoft, without further costly litigation, is in the consumers interest rather than pumping up the CV's of the various Justice Department members.

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